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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 10100

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR VN FR XG  
SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP TO EUROPE

1. ACCORDING TO A HIGH QUAI OFFICIAL, PHAM VAN DONG'S VISIT TO FRANCE WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO SHOW A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FRANCE. DONG SAID THAT HE WISHED TO SPEND MORE THAN TEN DAYS VISITING VARIOUS PARTS OF FRANCE FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL PART OF THE VISIT, AND HE WOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE THIS FIRST RETURN TO FRANCE IN THIRTY YEARS BY NOT VISITING ANY OTHER COUNTRY DURING THE SAME TRIP. ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO, HOWEVER, THE VIETNAMESE SUDDENLY ASKED SOME SEVEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE PHAM VAN DONG, AND GAVE OUT DATES AS THOUGH THEY WERE RESERVING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. THE FRENCH HAVE LEARNED THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY TURNED THE VISITS DOWN AND ONE HAD ACCEPTED, BUT ONLY FOR AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT. THIS OFFICIAL THOUGHT THAT  
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THE SOVIETS HAD PUT PRESSURE ON HANOI AT THIS LATE DATE IN ORDER THAT IT MIGHT NOT APPEAR THAT THE VIETNAMESE HAD A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FRANCE -- BY IMPLICATION A RELATIONSHIP THEY WISHED RESERVED FOR THEMSELVES.

2. THE OFFICIAL NOTED THAT VICE FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING DONG ON THE

VISIT, AND FROM THIS AND OTHER INDICATIONS THE FRENCH  
HAD CONCLUDED THAT THACH IS NOW EMERGING AS THE MOST  
POWERFUL OF THE VICE MINISTERS.  
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